

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 16-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 16-25 have been withdrawn from consideration, and are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected.

New Claims 26-32 have been added.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 3-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shrader (US Patent No. 5,864,666). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

A cited prior art reference anticipates the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102 only if every element of a claimed invention is identically shown in that single reference, arranged as they are in the claims. MPEP § 2131; *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 832, 15 U.S.P.Q.2d 1566, 1567 (Fed. Cir. 1990). Anticipation is only shown where each and every limitation of the claimed invention is found in a single cited prior art reference. MPEP § 2131; *In re Donohue*, 766 F.2d 531, 534, 226 U.S.P.Q. 619, 621 (Fed. Cir. 1985).

In Figures 5 and 7 of Shrader, there is shown an IP Tunnel Page display allowing an administrator to view defined IP tunnels between two internet firewalls. Shrader, Figures 5, 7; Col. 7, lines 1-3. When IP tunnels are defined between two addresses, the web page shows a line between the source addresses (313, 314, 315, 316), and the display action pane 320 allows the administrator to view all the defined IP definitions. Shrader, Col. 7, lines 3-18. The cited portion of Shrader does

not describe a graphical user interface that displays one or more subscribers and one or more computers (that provide VPN functions), therefore, the cited portion only describes displaying firewalls, not subscribers. As noted in Applicant's specification, at page 18, lines 17-21, the ability to display both subscribers and computers (or switches), not just firewalls, provides an added benefit that enables an administrator to both ensure subscribers are adequately served and that individual switches are configured as desired.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the § 102(b) rejection of Claims 1 and 3-4.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shrader (US Patent No. 5,864,666) in view of Moen (US Patent No. 5,864,604). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shrader (US Patent No. 5,864,666) in view of Kekic (US Patent No. 6,272,537). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

For the same reasons set forth above, Shrader fails to disclose, teach or suggest certain claim limitations, and the cited secondary references fail to cure the noted deficiencies.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections of Claims 2 and 5.

III. NEW CLAIMS 26-32

New independent Claim 26 (with dependent Claims 27-31) and new independent Claim 32 have been added.

New independent Claim 26 recites the same elements/features as set forth in pending independent Claim 1, and also includes additional elements/features generally similar to the elements/features recited in issued independent Claim 1 of related US Patent No. 6,765,591. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 26-31 are patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth in the prosecution history of US Patent No. 6,765,591.

New independent Claim 32 recites the same elements/features as set forth in pending independent Claim 1, and also includes additional elements/features generally similar to the elements/features recited in issued independent Claim 10 of related US Patent No. 6,765,591. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 32 is patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth in the prosecution history of US Patent No. 6,765,591.

IV. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

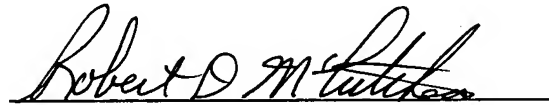
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@munckbutrus.com*.

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